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READING NAMES MARK SEGALLA AS ITS NEW POLICE CHIEF The 19 Year Veteran Of The Reading Police Department Will Start On January 1st

The following is an announcement by Reading Town Manager Bob LeLacheur regarding the appointment of Reading's new police chief:

It is my distinct pleasure and an honor to announce my appointment of Deputy Chief Mark Segalla as Reading's next Chief of Police, effective January 1, 2016 upon the retirement of Chief James Cormier. Deputy Chief Segalla is a 19 year veteran of the Reading Police Department and a long time Reading resident.

This appointment culminates a months-long search process that began by eliciting interest from applicants from several states and ended with a rigorous assessment center conducted by independent, active, and retired Police Chiefs for the top candidates. I would like to thank search committee members Selectman Chair Dan Ensminger, Selectmen Public Safety liaison Barry Berman, School Superintendent Dr. John Doherty, Fire Chief Greg Burns and Administrative Services Director Matt Kraunelis for their insight and capable assistance in this process.

As per our Home Rule Charter, this appointment is subject to confirmation by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on December 15, 2015.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chief Cormier for his outstanding leadership of the department and his dedication to the entire Reading community.

Please join me in wishing Deputy Chief Segalla well in his achievement!